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OOH, A TREASURE BOOOX!! :)
THAT WAS THE LAST ONE.
THE BRACELET IS REACTING TO SOMETHING, IT MIGHT BE HERE...
I GUESS IT'S NOT HERE EITHER...
KITE LOOK!!

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ORIGINAL STORY: MATSUYAMA HIROSHI
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SO, IT'S FINALLY SHOWN UP...
ALL RIGHT!! I'M ALL READY TO GO!! ^V^
IF I CAN DEFEAT THIS BASTARD, THEN I CAN SAVE HIM!!!
THIS IS THE ONE!!

ORCA

WELL, THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE...

I AM KITE...

A NET-GAME WITH OVER 20 MILLION USERS...

THE WORLD

"THE WORLD"

LOG IN

YEAH...

THIS ALL TAKES PLACE INSIDE OF A GAME

THERE I AM KNOWN AS "KITE".

THIS IS "THE WORLD"
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. HOW DO YOU FEEL "KITE"?
HAHA! YASUHIKO? THAT CHARACTER LOOKS JUST LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D MAKE!
HEY! I'M KNOWN AS ORCA HERE!
IT'S A HEROIC NAME.

UM... WELL, LET'S GET GOING!
HMM
BUT YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT FROM THE REAL YASUHIKO...
OHH, RIGHT! ORCA!
YEAH
JUST LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.
I CAN FIGHT WITHOUT WORRY, EVEN THOUGH I'M A NEWBIE!
WELL, WITH ORCA OF THE AZURE SEA AT MY SIDE, I'M NOT AFRAID!
I'D BE WORRIED IF I BROUGHT IT TO SCHOOL.
BETTER THAN NOTHING.
IT'S KIND OF HARD TO PLAY SOCCER WITH TWO PEOPLE, ISN'T IT?
OH YEAH!
WANNA COME OVER TOMORROW? I FINALLY GOT THAT SOCCER BALL WITH MY FANCLUB'S LOGO ON IT. WE CAN PLAY WITH IT!

WHAT IS IT YASU-... ORCA?
STRANGE, NO MONSTERS ANYWHERE.
IS IT BECAUSE IT'S A NEWBIE AREA?
NO, EVEN THEN THERE SHOULD STILL BE A FEW MON-STERS.
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AURA...
MY NAME
IS AURA...
...
YOU'RE
...

CAN BRING FORTH EITHER...

SALVATION OR DESTRUCTION, AT THE WHIM OF THE USER.

BLUE

THE POWER OF THIS BRACELET...

WOW!! IS THAT A RARE ITEM!?
I BELIEVE IN YOU.
PLEASE...
SO I BEG OF YOU...

HUH?
WHERE DID THAT GIRL GO?

WHAT THE HELL? THIS IS NO NORMAL ENEMY!!
HM.
IT'S OK!
I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS SO I BROUGHT LOTS OF HEALTH DRINKS AND RESURRECTS!

WELL, IN THE END IT'S JUST A GAME.
RIGHT "ORCA"?
IT LOOKS LIKE I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A RUMOR BUT
I'M SORRY ...

KITE! RUN AWAY!
YOU WON'T SURVIVE ONE HIT FROM THAT THING!
YAS- YASUHIKO.

GET OUT OF HERE!
H-HURRY

YASUHIKO!!

YA..

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ENTER

!!
IT'S...
ALL OVER...
AM I?
WHERE...

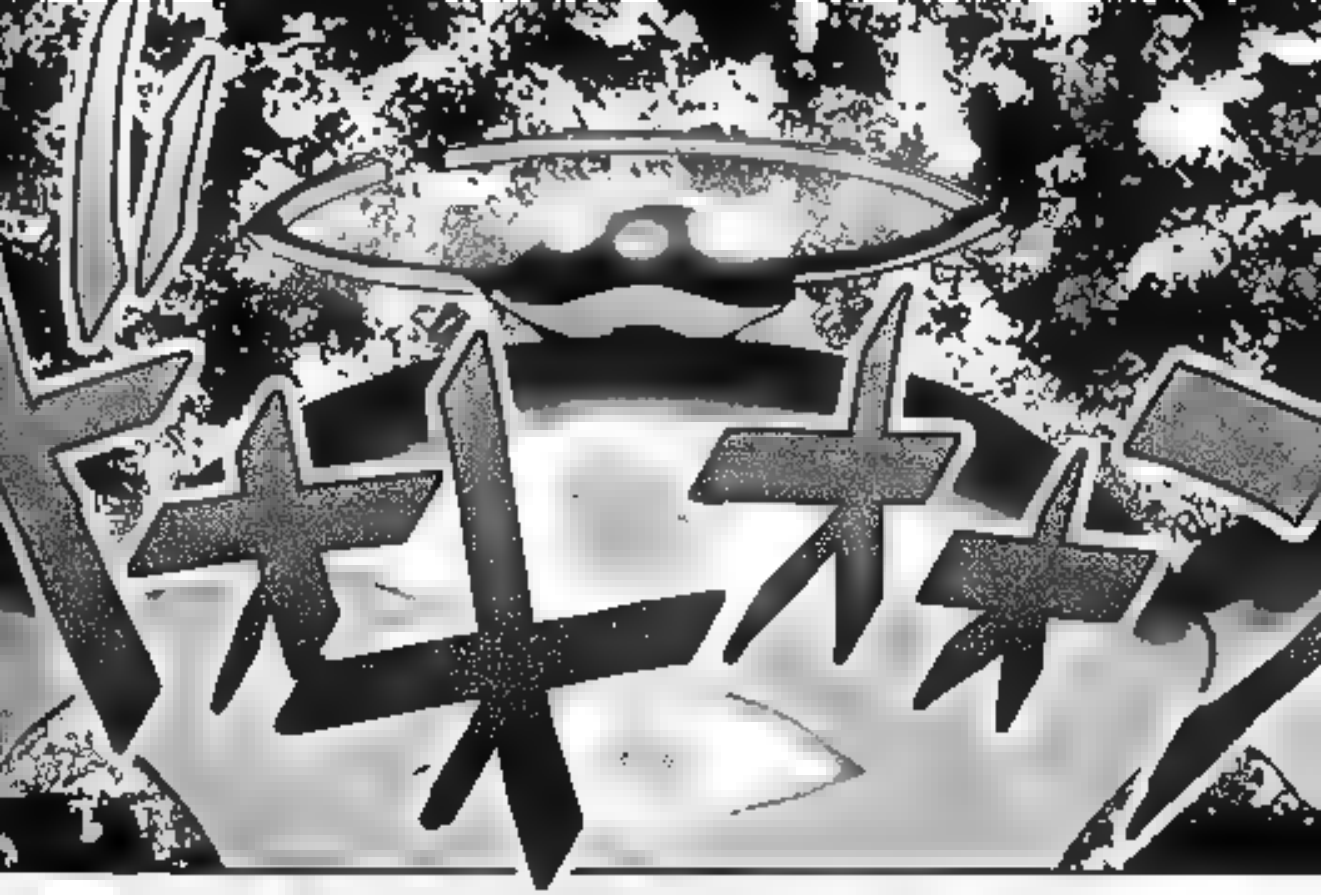
THAT WAS CLOSE EH?
BUT, IT'S STILL A GAME...
WE'LL MEET AGAIN..
I SAVED YOU.
I WAS JUST JUMPING TO CONCLU-SIONS.
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME.
TOMORROW WE'LL PLAY WITH MY NEW SOCCER BALL...
JUST LIKE I PROMISED YASUHIKO.
LITTLE BOY...

WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO?
WHY...?

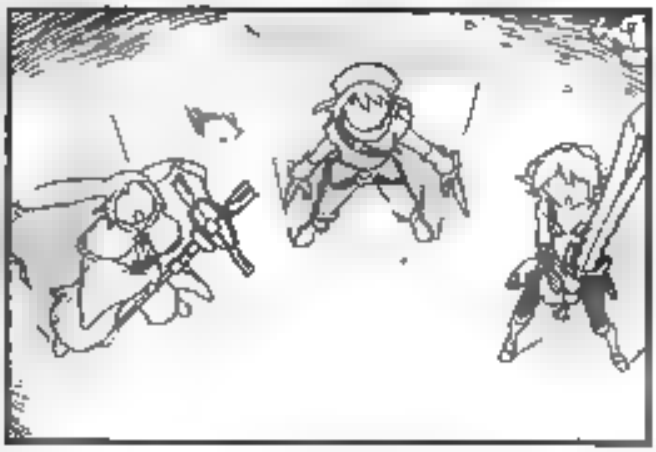
I KNEW WHEN I SAW THE COMATOSE YASUHIKO
WAKE... WAKE UP!!
YAS-UHIKO
THAT "THE WORLD" WAS NO ORDINARY GAME
SOMETHING WITH ANOTHER PURPOSE WAS LURKING WITHIN IT.
GYAHH!!

AFTER THAT INCIDENT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SEARCHED. I WAS UNABLE TO DISCOVER WHAT INFLUENCE "THE WORLD" HAD ON THE REAL WORLD...
I BECAME STRONGER. THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY I KNEW I COULD FACE IT.
AP CORV!
WAIT FOR ME, YASUHIKO.

THIS TIME IT'S ME WHO WILL SAVE YOU.
I'M NOT LIKE I WAS THEN.
I HAVE GREAT FRIENDS.
I SWEAR I'LL BEAT IT!
THIS TIME...



WHY. WHY!?
KITE! LOOK OUT!!



I KEEP ON DAM-AGING IT..
BUT IT'S NOT GETTING ANY WEAKER!!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?

AHHHH!
YAHHH!!

GYAAHH!!
SABER DANCE!!
DAMN!!
STACCATO!!

STACCATO!!
STAC
CATO!

KITE!!
SO MUCH STRONGER SINCE THEN...
EVEN THOUGH I'VE GOTTEN...
I STILL .

FOR NOTHING...?
WAS IT ALL...
!?
THIS LIGHT...?!
WHAT'S...

OF THE BRACELET

THE POWER

EITHER SALVATION OR

AT THE WHIM OF THE USER

CAN BRING FORTH

DESTRUCTION

I ONLY WANT ONE THING...

I WANT TO SAVE...

I.

MY WHIM.

ORCA!!
LEND ME YOUR POWER!!
BRACELET..
DIE!!

WE DID IT KITE!
THEY SHOULD BE OK NOW!
THE COMA VICTIMS...
NOT QUITE YET...
はあ
はあ
ORCA, I DID IT...
...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

AH?!
IT... IT WASN'T ME!! D:
YOUR BATTLE WITH SKEITH...
WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING...

WHO...
WHO ARE YOU...?
KITE HAS DEFEATED SKEITH... BUT WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS BOY WHO NOW APPEARS BEFORE HIM?
CHAPTER 1 - END

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H.O.L. CREDITS:

SCANNING - KULAGUY
TRANSLATORS - MASTERYPAYNE22, PAZUZU
QUIK CHECK TRANSLATOR - STEVEO
PROOFREADER - FORTE V4
CLEANING & TYPESETTING - CRTWENTY

HERE IT IS, THE FIRST RELEASE FROM HUNTERS OF LIBERATION. A LOT OF TIME AND SWEAT WENT INTO THIS, AND AT TIMES IT SEEMED THAT A RELEASE WAS NOTHING MORE THEN A FANTASY OF OURS. BUT, WE FINALLY DID IT!

A VERY BIG THANKS TO MASTERPAYNE FOR TRANSLATING IT FOR US AND FOR STEVEO TO DOUBLE CHECK ON IT. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT **WE NEED MORE TRANSLATORS.** MASTERPAYNE WILL BE GONE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AND STEVEO WILL BE VERY BUSY SO NO RELEASES UNTIL THEY'RE BACK. IF YOU'RE ABLE TO TRANSLATE FOR US, HEAD ON OVER TO THE HUNTERS OF LIBERATION. GOOGLE IT.

WELL, STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS OF OURS. AND TO THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO HELP, JUST DROP US A LINE. :D